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SUBJ: PRESIDENT PEREZ COMMENTS ON BRIBERY

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ IN HIS MARCH 3 ADDRESS OPENING THE NEW SESSION OF CONGRESS MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING BRIBERY BY MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES.
2. DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS ONE SUBJECT HAS STIRRED UP AND BROUGHT ABOUT THE MOST SERIOUS CONTROVERSIES IN NEARLY EVERY COUNTRY OF THE WORLD. IT IS THAT OF INTERFERENCE BY THE MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES, NOT JUST CONTROLLING OUR ECONOMIES AND OUR DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO UNDERMINING THE MORALS OF OUR CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS. THE REVELATIONS OF BRIBERY BY THESE FIRMS IN ORDER TO ENSURE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS TO EXPLOIT OUR NATIONAL RESOURCES ARE INNUMERABLE. WE CAN NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO SUCH SERIOUS EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CONSTITUTE AN EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THREAT THAN THAT ARISING FROM THE INVESTMENT OF FOREIGN CAPITAL.
3. WE MUST ADOPT, DRAW UP MEASURES, BY WHICH WE CAN SAFEGUARD PUBLIC MORALS AND PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THESE DANGERS,

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WHICH HAVE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS REAL IN VIEW OF THE EVIDENCE

REVEALED BY SOME OF THOSE POWERFUL MULTINATIONAL ENTITIES.
SURELY THE CONGRESS, EXERCISING ITS MOST ESSENTIAL FUNCTION
AS A WATCHDOG, WILL BE ABLE TO LEND SERVICES OF INCOMPARABLE
MORAL VALUE TO THE NATION TO CONTAIN OR LESSEN ANY POSSIBILITY
THAT THESE SITUATIONS MAY ARISE IN THE COUNTRY. THE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE, ALERT AND READY TO CONFRONT THESE DANGERS,
IS ADOPTING MEASURES AND CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATIONS SUCH AS THAT
WHICH RECENTLY CULMINATED IN THAT CONCERNING THE OCCIDENTAL
PETROLEUM (COMPANY) WHICH I HAVE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE
FISCAL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC SO THAT APPROPRIATE MEASURES
MAY GO FORWARD IN THE COURTS.UNQUOTE.
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